

FOURTEENTH  
Annual Report of the Auditor

OF THE  
CITY OF LINCOLN  
NEBRASKA



FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
AUGUST 31, 1917



Lincoln, Nebraska, March 1, 1918.

To the Honorable City Council,  
City of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit herewith the Fourteenth Annual Report of the Auditor of the City of Lincoln, being for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1917.

The financial report covers the fiscal year, as nearly as possible, while the reports of the operations of the different departments, in some instances are for the calendar year.

Our charter provides that the fiscal year shall begin on the first Monday in September, and the Municipal year on the Monday following the first Tuesday in May; while our ordinances provide that the license year shall begin on the 1st day of June. It is therefore a difficult matter to properly report the work of all the departments for the fiscal year, as for example, the paving and sewer departments might be found with a large amount of uncompleted work on September 1st, which would be finished during the calendar year. On account of these facts, the publication of this report has been considerably delayed.

The Water and Lighting departments publish a separate report and therefore no mention is made in this report of their work.

I should like to submit for your consideration the following recommendations:

First: That our ordinances be amended by making the license year begin on January 1.

Second: That all departments be required to file a report of the work done in their departments during the calendar year, and that these reports be combined and published with the financial report of the Auditor in one volume as a "Report for the City of Lincoln."

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. H. BERG,  
City Clerk and Auditor.



# **PART ONE**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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### **OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA,**

**January 1, 1918**

The City of Lincoln, Nebraska, now is, and since May 13, 1913 has been, operating under the Commission Form of government. Under this form of government, the city is divided into five departments, and five councilmen are elected. The five councilmen constitute the city council. The council organizes by electing one of its members as president of the council, who is also Mayor of the city. Each councilman is assigned to one of the departments, is called the superintendent thereof, and is responsible for its proper operation.

All other city officials, except Police Judge, are appointed by the council. The office of Police Judge is fixed by the constitution of the state, and this officer is elected at county and state elections.

City elections are held on the first Tuesday in May of each odd numbered year. The terms of office of councilmen are two years, beginning the first Monday following the election.

The departments of the City of Lincoln are assigned as follows:

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

JOHN E. MILLER, Mayor.....Superintendent

#### **City Attorney's Office**

C. PETRUS PETERSON, Attorney

CHAS. R. WILKE, Deputy

#### **Police Department**

JAMES MALONE, Chief of Police

#### **Park Department**

P. EDINBOROUGH, Assistant Superintendent of Parks



## FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

## DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES

GEORGE DAYTON.....Superintendent

## City Treasurer's Office

GEORGE DAYTON, Ex-officio Treasurer

A. W. EASTERDAY, Deputy

## City Clerk and Auditor's Office

THEO H. BERG, Clerk and Auditor

EARL M. POOR, Deputy

## Tax Commissioner's Office

C. R. MAWE, Tax Commissioner

## DEPARTMENT OF STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

THOMAS J. HENSLEY.....Superintendent

## Street Department

W. T. OVERTON, Assistant Superintendent

## Engineer's Office

ADNA DOBSON, Engineer

GEORGE W. BATES, Deputy

F. E. MELKER, Sewer and Plumbing Inspector

F. J. PECK, Building and Sidewalk Inspector

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

JOHN WRIGHT .....Superintendent

## Fire Department

N. T. SOMMER, Chief

## Health Department

DR. CHAUNCEY F. CHAPMAN, Superintendent

DR. N. O. REYNOLDS, Assistant

## City Scales

E. T. MILLER, Weighmaster

## Electrical Inspection

S. H. SHIPMAN, Inspector



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY**

WILLIAM SCHROEDER.....Superintendent

**Water and Light Departments**

PAUL W. DOERR, Assistant Superintendent

A. G. JOHNSON, Chief Engineer

**POLICE JUDGE**

HOWARD J. WHITMORE

**LINCOLN CITY LIBRARY**

(Members appointed by Council)

Nelson C. Brock.....	President
H. T. Dobbins.....	Vice President
C. D. Hyatt .....	Secretary
Lulu Horne .....	Librarian

**Board of Directors**

Term Expiring July 1, 1918

H. T. Dobbins

Lawrence Fossler

P. M. Orr

Term Expiring July 1, 1919

Nelson C. Brock

William M. Morning

William B. Ryons

Term Expiring July 1, 1920

H. J. Lehnhoff

H. B. Lowrey

Mrs. Nellie C. Woods

**BOARD OF EXAMINING ENGINEERS**

(Members appointed by Council)

Fred W. Tyler, Chairman

A. G. Johnson, Secretary

John Green, Treasurer

The board meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 at the City Hall to examine applicants as to their qualifications to operate stationary steam engines and boilers within the city of Lincoln.



**FACTS ABOUT LINCOLN**

City originally incorporated on April 7, 1869.  
Incorporated as a city of the Second Class on March 18, 1871.  
Incorporated as a city of the First Class on March 25, 1887.  
Altitude: 1,165 feet above sea level.  
Area: 5,778.37 acres (9.2 square miles).  
Paved streets and alleys: 83.18 miles.  
Parks: 140 acres.  
Sanitary sewers: 98.80 miles.  
Storm and combined sewers: 21.77 miles.  
Water mains: 107.31 miles.  
Street railways: 39 miles.  
Public school buildings: 18.  
Churches and denominational schools: 60.  
Interurban car lines: 6.  
Floating debt: None.

**Points of Interest**

State University Farm	Capital Beach
State Fair Grounds	Epworth Lake Park
State Capitol	Home of William J. Bryan
State Penitentiary	Caves south of City
State Hospital for Insane	State University Campus and Athletic Field
Wyuka Cemetery	



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Officers in Service

Chief of Police.....	1
Captains .....	2
Sergeants .....	2
Patrolmen .....	15
Patrol drivers .....	2
Matron .....	1
Total .....	23

## Number of arrests made during year, by months—

September, 1916.....	404
October .....	273
November .....	280
December .....	233
January, 1917 .....	301
February .....	233
March .....	275
April .....	313
May .....	144
June .....	196
July .....	164
August .....	163

Males .....	2,786	2,979
Females .....	193	

Number of white people .....	2,799	2,979
Number of colored people.....	180	

Males—Can read and write.....	2,720	2,979
Males—Cannot read and write.....	66	

Females—Can read and write.....	191	2,786
Females—Cannot read and write.....	2	

193

2,979



## Social conditions:

Married males.....	988	
Single males .....	1,798	
	————	2,786
Married females .....	60	
Single females .....	133	
	————	193
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		2,979

## Meals Furnished

September, 1916.....	2,379
October .....	2,141
November .....	2,101
December .....	1,578
January, 1917 .....	1,481
February .....	1,359
March .....	1,388
April .....	1,366
May .....	597
June .....	584
July .....	454
August .....	730
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Total .....	16,158

## Causes of Arrest

Assault .....	28
Bastardy .....	1
Begging .....	3
Bigamy .....	1
Bootlegging .....	5
Burglary .....	12
Concealed weapons .....	13
Cruelty to animals.....	1
Deserter .....	3
Destruction of property .....	3
Driving over fire hose.....	4
Disorderly conduct .....	87
Disturbing peace .....	252
Dope fiend .....	1
Embezzling .....	2
Excise rules violated.....	49
Exposing person .....	6
Eloping .....	2



False pretenses .....	2
Fighting .....	49
Forgery .....	22
Fraudulent checks .....	2
Fugitive from justice .....	1
Gambling .....	26
Held for other officers .....	24
Health ordinance violated.....	21
Harboring vicious dogs .....	2
Insane .....	27
Intoxication .....	1,178
Incorrigible .....	1
Interferring with officer.....	1
Incest .....	1
Kidnapping .....	1
Larceny, petit .....	123
Larceny, grand .....	21
Liquor in possession .....	20
Liquor, selling without license.....	12
Manslaughter .....	1
Murder, or attempted .....	1
Opening United States mail.....	1
Pawnbroker's ordinance violated.....	3
Peddling without license.....	3
Pool hall ordinance violated .....	43
Prowling .....	3
Prostitution .....	11
Rape, or attempted .....	3
Resisting officer .....	1
Road ordinance violated.....	71
Runaway boys .....	4
Receiving stolen goods .....	2
Refusing to pay for meal.....	1
Selling mortgaged property .....	5
Sick or injured cared for.....	3
Sodomy .....	1
Soliciting on streets.....	18
Speeding .....	226
Sunday closing ordinance violated .....	1
Suspicious persons .....	273
Stabbing .....	2
Trespassing .....	4
Vagrancy .....	284
Wife abandonment .....	6
Wife beating .....	1
Total .....	2,979



**POLICE****Receipts**

Balance Sept. 1, 1916 (Cash)...		\$ 9,589.30
Tax collections .....	\$ 28,061.40	
Court costs .....	2,925.15	
Dog tax and pound fees.....	982.00	
Warrants refunded .....	74.33	
Auction sale .....	163.84	
Auctioneers' street permits.....	10.00	
Labor sold .....	25.40	
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Total receipts .....	\$ 32,242.12	\$ 32,242.12
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Total credits .....		\$ 41,831.42

**Disbursements**

Maintenance .....	\$ 2,147.42	
Salary .....	29,424.20	
Coal .....	157.15	
Catching dogs .....	164.50	
Feeding prisoners .....	1,193.47	
Gasoline .....	464.91	
Auto expense .....	1,010.24	
Telephones .....	1,944.98	
Signal system expense.....	101.25	
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Warrants issued .....	\$ 36,608.12	
Warrants not paid Sept. 1, 1916 .....	2,668.39	
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	\$ 39,276.51	\$ 39,276.51
Warrants paid .....		36,741.96
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Warrants not paid Sept. 1, 1917 .....		\$ 2,534.55
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Total cash charges (warrants paid) .....		\$ 36,741.96
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Cash balance Sept 1, 1917.....		\$ 5,089.46
Warrants not paid Sept. 1, 1917 .....		2,534.55
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Fund balance Sept. 1, 1917.....		\$ 2,554.91



## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

September 1, 1916 to September 1, 1917

	1916 Budget Appropriations Plus Balances in Funds	Expendi- tures Warrants Issued	More than the Appropri- ation	Less than the Appropri- ation
Lighting .....	\$88,991.22	\$83,766.32	.....	\$ 5,224.90
Fire .....	72,317.81	65,085.36	.....	7,232.45
Police .....	36,690.91	36,608.12	.....	82.79
Road .....	55,784.46	40,606.90	.....	15,177.56
Sewer .....	17,076.67	8,599.82	.....	8,476.85
Paving repair .....	20,170.73	14,829.60	.....	5,341.13
Parks .....	51,866.16	45,771.57	.....	6,094.59
City property .....	19,202.24	16,378.58	.....	2,823.66
Engineer's office exp. ....	554.81	490.64	.....	64.17
Judgment .....	12,976.15	7,759.63	.....	5,216.52
Paving Adjacent to City property .....	18,655.62	14,661.19	.....	3,994.43
Library .....	11,664.33	11,209.05	.....	455.28
Interest and coupon .....	39,918.72	39,341.71	.....	577.01
Parks and campus extension .....	19,783.11	15,945.68	.....	3,837.43
GENERAL FUND—				
Election .....	3,607.59	3,537.66	.....	69.93
Emergency .....	750.00	760.17	10.17	.....
Health .....	11,442.11	13,052.74	1,610.63	.....
Printing .....	3,500.00	2,796.96	.....	703.04
Scales .....	880.00	748.30	.....	131.70
Sidewalk .....	3,000.00	1,997.52	.....	1,002.48
SALARY—				
Clerk and Auditor's office .....	5,940.00	5,354.74	.....	585.26
Engineer's office .....	14,960.00	14,380.60	.....	579.40
Health office .....	9,600.00	9,707.50	107.50	.....
Mayor's office .....	3,400.00	3,340.01	.....	59.99
Treasurer's office .....	5,400.00	5,530.04	130.04	.....
Attorney's office .....	5,240.00	5,191.06	.....	48.94
Tax commissioner's office .....	2,000.00	2,140.82	140.82	.....
Councilmen .....	8,000.00	7,999.88	.....	12
Excisemen .....	900.00	600.00	.....	300.00
Electrical inspector .....	300.00	300.00	.....	.....
Street Com. office .....	840.00	840.00	.....	.....



TABLE NO. 7—BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS—1902 to 1916 Inclusive

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